

Local Events.

Hear, Land o' Cakes and brither Soots... Frae Maidenkirik to Johnny Groat...

MONDAY was Decoration Day, which is by act of Congress a legal holiday.

"MCKINLEY" is the name of a new postoffice in Augusta County. Beverly Daniels is postmaster.

THE Winchester Creamery one day last week received 11,000 lbs of milk, and made 600 pounds of butter.

DECORATION DAY at Grafton was more largely attended than ever was a similar occasion. A crowd of 7,000 gathered at Morgantown.

MR CHARLES BURDETTE HART has been appointed Minister to Columbia, and will leave for that country about the middle of June.

THE wonder of the world of Washington is how the West Virginians get so many offices from the Administration.

VIRGINIA will not have a Constitutional Convention. The proposition was overwhelmingly defeated in the election last Thursday.

BROADUS COLLEGE, of Clarksburg, has a woman president. She is Miss Bertha M. Stout, who has been an instructor in the College for many years.

JAMES HENLEN, of Washington County, Virginia, aged 87, was found dead at the bottom of a precipice two hundred feet high. His horse was grazing on top. He was a very wealthy land owner.

THE West Virginia University has 465 students at Morgantown and 61 at Montgomery, making 526 in all. The commencement exercises will be from June 5 to June 9. There are five ladies in the graduating class.

MARRIED: At the home of the bride's father, M. J. S. McNulty, of McDowell, Va., Rev. J. C. Dobbs, Jr., and Miss Hattie McNulty. Rev. J. C. Dobbs is pastor of the Presbyterian church of Carthage, N. C.

HON. C. P. JONES, of Monterey, has announced definitely that he will not accept the nomination for State Senate. He has retired from politics in the sense of standing for reelection, but he is everywhere acknowledged as one of the most powerful and influential men in his State.

THE committee for the location of the State Home for Incurables met at Charleston, May 26, and, having received propositions from the citizens of Martinsburg, New Martinsville, Parkersburg, Huntington, Clay Court House, Webster Court House and Charleston, adjourned to meet again, June 4.

THE number of commercial agents, sewing machine sellers, stove peddlers, depot wagons, road carts, carriages, and buggies in evidence the past two or three weeks is simply bewildering and we cannot keep up with the procession. So we will take their dust and wish them one and all true prosperity in every sense of the word.

At Sutton, last Saturday, during the performance of Spark's circus, two of the trained horses got into a fight and broke over the ropes and ran amongst the women and children, causing a panic. Two women, Helen Berry and Minnie Allman, were fatally injured and a large number hurt. A mob was about to destroy the outfit, but was quieted. The manager was arrested.

A DISPATCH to the Baltimore Sun says that since the burning of the Court-house, at Beverly, that Elkins, the largest town in the county, will make an effort to have the county seat removed there. Information received from private sources says that there is no likelihood of such a movement, as the Court-house can be replaced upon the old foundation so much more cheaply. Since the fire the walls have been crumbling and falling in.

A SOMEWHAT mean man inserted the following ad. in a western paper: "Notice—My wife, Delia Stacy, having left my bed and board, I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract after this date. John Stacy." In the next issue of the same paper, the wife had her revenge in this way: "Notice—My husband, John Stacy, having neither bed nor board to provide for me, I am now taking in washing at No. B—Street. Delia Stacy."

You don't believe all you hear do you? Not I don't; been fooled too often. Promises, like pie-crust, are easily broken. I want your trade, how am I to get it? Not by broken promises—not that way. I must make it profitable for you to trade with me. I must do better than some one else; I must keep good serviceable goods at low prices. I want you to be convinced that I am doing it, so please call and examine my lace curtains at 47 1/2 cents per pair, and 65 cents will buy a real nice pair of curtains 3 1/2 yards long and a pretty design. THE GOLDEN STORE.

THREE seasons averaging 111 pounds were brought to market last week by Bob Valcomb.

WIRE nails \$3.25 per keg at Golden's, instead of \$3.75 as advertised last week thro mistake.

THE B. & O. Ticket office at Grafton was robbed of \$158.00 last Wednesday morning, the thief entering by a window.

The click of the sheep-shears has been heard all over upper Peabodias the past few days, notwithstanding the thirteen frosts in May and two thus far in June.

W. H. GROSE was at Academy to preside at a justice trial between F. A. Renick and E. L. Beard and W. H. Overholt. The judgment was in favor of Renick.

PINE-KNOT sawdust and pulverized coffee mixed and smoked in a pipe is recommended as an antidote for spasmodic attacks of asthma, from which so many seem to have suffered during the recent damp and cool weather.

MRS SUSAN HOUDSCHL, who was arrested as accessory to the Frost burglary for concealing stolen goods, is at the jail here, having been unable to give bail. Monday she was to be seen doing up the week's washing, and apparently enjoying as much freedom as any woman in the town.

LAST Friday, Mrs Mattie Beard, whose home is with Joseph McNeel, near Hillsboro, fell and dislocated her hip. She suffers so much that the worst is feared by her numerous friends as to final results. She is past eighty years of age, but is remarkably well preserved for a person of her years.

It was the writer's pleasure to dine with Mrs Andrew Dille, a few days since, and among the delicacies served up was a delicious cup of 12 1/2 cent coffee. Times are certainly promising for those who love the beverage that cheers but inebriates not. Fifty years since it was five pounds for a dollar, in Andy Jackson times.

SOME weeks since the dwelling-house of Edgar Sharp on the Greenbrier, eight or nine miles from Marlinton, was consumed by fire, communicated to the roofing by the stove-pipe. But little of the contents recovered. Most of what was carried out caught fire and was lost. Mr Sharp now lives at the Moore House on the Indian Draft.

THE Kansas City Times in a fit of rapacity describes Polk County, Arkansas as a county fifty miles from the railroad, where the farmers vote the Democratic ticket and where mortgages and debts are unknown. Our county is very much like Polk county in the first two respects, but we do a little business out here and the various transactions have left some in debt and some in credit, and Polk county if so strictly out of debt must be sadly wanting in goods and chattels.

We have received propositions from E. G. A., of Phoenix, Arizona, for the sale of certain valuable letters on the State of Arizona, but as he does not say how much per pound he asks for his letters (which of course throw Owen Wister in the shade) our readers will have to forego the pleasure for awhile. As soon as possible we will procure a painted bucket full of them and then we all can become informed as to that country of the biggest liars and smallest stoves in the world.

Messrs Wise Herold, Marion Gum, Holmes and Benjamin Sharp on their recent outing to the head of Greenbrier met with good success for the time they fished catching between three and four hundred. They first tried the West Prong, but the fish had gone up too far; then the party went to the East Branch, beyond VanBuren Arbogast's, and found the fishing good, the water was "cold as Christmas." They had been preceded by parties who had come in from the remote head of the river and the region contiguous.

We understand that in some precincts in the county that road overseers have refused to work the hands, claiming that their time had expired. They are mistaken in this as no overseer's time expires until next January. The court appoints new overseers this year at October Court. If any overseer has served more than two years it is because he was appointed to fill an unexpired term, and his real appointment dates from January 1, 1896. All overseers should work the road this year to avoid the penalty placed on overseers for failing to perform their customary duties.

THE members of the Marlinton Bar and their ladies spent several days last week on William's River at the club-house at the mouth of Tea Creek. The time passed very pleasantly, and in spite of two white frosts the trout bit well for William's River. The fish have about all disappeared from the waters, but for fresh air, cold water, wild flowers, and magnificent mountain scenery Tea Creek can not be surpassed. It is the prettiest stream in the State. The falls are especially fine, and the pool at the forks is worth tramping many miles to see. Our only lament is that the camera is more in order on Tea Creek than the fishing-rod.

Personal Mention.

Mrs Maria Herold, near Frost, seems to be gradually improving, and her numerous friends have cheerful hopes of her final recovery.

Armenius Buzzard, near Glade Hill, has been strangely and severely attacked by a painful illness, and so much prostrated that his everyday clothing had to be removed by cutting.

Misses Florence and Mary Price accompanied by Master John Price, from the Warm Springs, Virginia, were visiting friends and relatives near Edray and Marlinton this week.

Mr Silas Sharp and wife and Mrs Luther Sharp and two little daughters, of Linwood, were visiting at Renick's Valley and Lobelia last week, and returned home last Friday.

Mr A. W. Moore and Price Moore, of Sunset, were in Marlinton Tuesday. The former has kept a record of weather changes for forty years, and the result of his observations for the past winter is given in another column.

Rev. Henry McLaughlin, of Fire Creek, a Presbyterian preacher, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, last Sunday morning and evening, and delivered two excellent sermons to large congregations. We understand that there is a probability of his being called to the pastorate of the church here would be pleased to have him accept.—Fayette Republican.

The Earthquake.

Probably the most pronounced earthquake shock ever felt in this section in the memory of man was that noticed last Monday afternoon at about half past three by nearly everyone in the town. It was felt in this printing office very distinctly. A noise was heard something like the muzzling of a heavy wagon and the something was under it. In Holt's store it knocked some glassware off a shelf breaking it. In every house it was noticed. In duration it was probably ten seconds. Tuesday papers are looked for eagerly, as the shock was much more distinct here than when Charleston, S. C., was so nearly destroyed.

Earthquake on Knapps Creek.

About two P. M. Monday, as Squire I. B. Moore was reclining a lounge in the parlor, reading a newspaper, he heard a rumbling sound like that of a distant train, and about the same instant felt a tremor as if the lounge was in a swing. Looking up, the paper on the ceiling and walls seemed to undulate and looked as if the plaster was about to crack and fall.

Peyton Moore came from an adjoining room to see whose wagon was going by. Mrs Moore, in a remote part of the house noticed the disturbance and at once surmised it to be an earth quake. It was fully a minute before all became quiet. A sewing machine in the hall executed a nice little performance as if it wanted to execute a minuet. About half a mile away, Miss Rella Clark was hearing lessons, when she noticed the stove was swaying and the building was in a tremor. She sent a pupil out to see who might be trying to shake the school-house, but as no one was seen at such a prank, it occurred to her that it might be an earth quake. The shock was distinctly felt at Wise Herold's and at Washington Moore's also.

Musical Association.

One of the most notable gatherings in the history of this Association was held at Edray last week. The large church there was filled to its utmost capacity and the Association was attended from every part of the county. When the convention meets at Edray it is always a signal success, owing to the hearty co-operation of the people of that neighborhood and to their unbounded hospitality in entertaining visitors. The time was passed in the discussion of the theory of music and in the singing of selections from the standard books of the Association.

Rev John Taylor and Senator McNeil were among the prominent leaders and speakers, in addition to the regular professors who promote this association. A new light appeared upon the horizon when Professor George H. McLaughlin (Grandpa) arose and led "How tedious and tasteless the hours."

Among the more prominent leaders and singers we notice John Waugh, President; D. L. Barlow, George E. Moore, M. G. Friel, Samuel B. Moore, R. D. Rimel, Henry White, Rev G. P. Moore, Rev W. G. Sharp, and a host of others. Saturday night at least five hundred people were in the building.

OSCAR WILDE has written about the cruelty of English prisons, especially in the treatment of children. He says that they are shut up in a solitary cell for twenty-three hours out of the twenty-four, and given food too coarse to be swallowed in their terror stricken state. Children of eleven years are subjected to the system. Wilde claims that the unvarying diet of prison fare, consisting of bad bread and water three times a day, causes chronic diarrhoea, and that astrigent medicines are served with the food.

Levels Items.

Jessie Curry has accepted a position at the Hot Springs, Va. E. S. Grimes, of Dilleys Mill, spent a day or two in our midst, last week.

Woods Ludington and little daughter, Lizzie, of Ronceverte, spent a few days with C. W. Beard Esq. Mr Ludington left his little girl and returned home, Friday.

Miss Grace Hull, of Green Bank, is visiting relatives in this place. Our young folks had a picnic in the Kennison grove, last Friday evening.

John Pickering, of Falling Springs, was in this section on business, Saturday.

James Warwick is selling fruit trees in this section.

Mrs Wm. Wysong and children, of Ronceverte, spent a few days with her brother, E. I. Holt, last week.

Marvin Watts and Jim Stuart, of Greenbrier, were the guests of R. W. Hill for several days.

Miss Lue Clark is visiting relatives at Frankford.

James Hultz left last Tuesday to spend a week with relatives in Augusta county, Virginia.

Joe Buzzard has been kept quite busy here for a week or more, looking up what he can put down for taxes.

Miss Eva Moore, who has been attending school at Staunton, Va., returned home last Friday.

Messrs Carper and Ross were here buying cattle last week. Mr Ross was accompanied by his daughter, who visited the Misses Edgar.

J. H. Maxen spent last week with Sydenstricker & Beard in the interest of the McCormick H. M. Co. Mr Jno. Foglesong is with them putting up binders this week.

Dr Harry Beard, of Lewisburg, is here to see his grandmother, Mrs Mattie Beard, who fell and received a painful injury last week. She is reported as being no better at this writing.

We understand that our turkey gobblers are quite uneasy, as they have heard of terrible doom that awaits them in the near future. BUMBLEBEE.

Browns Creek.

We had a fine rain here Sunday, which was badly needed. Mrs J. J. Beard, Mrs A. B. McComb and her two children were visiting Mrs H. P. McLaughlin last week.

Ellis H. Moore and Frank Hogsett attended singing at Edray last week.

John Dever, of Mill Point, is working H. P. McLaughlin's house.

Wm. H. Gabbert is thrashing his last year's wheat crop with a flail, as he failed to get a machine last year.

The Sunday School at Mt Tabor is in a flourishing condition, with G. S. Weiford as superintendent. Aunt Betsey McLaughlin has recovered from her recent illness, and is able to be about again.

H. P. McLaughlin and Fred Beard made a business trip to Bath last Friday. M.

Knapps Creek.

Froggy nights and bright days. Quite a number of our young people attended Association at Edray.

Miss Maggie Lantz returned home this week.

Mrs Lizzie Moore is visiting on the Creek.

Mrs Andrew Herold is improving slowly.

Miss Berlie Gibson is on the sicklist at this writing.

Miss Rella Clark is completing the Moore school.

Wise Herold is buying lambs. P. M. Harper has been to the Levels for fish.

Staunton News.

A telegram received by Chief of Police J. H. Waters Saturday announced the arrest at Norfolk of V. A. McCreery, former editor of the Waynesboro Sentinel, against whom there is a warrant charging him with using the mails to get goods from Staunton merchants under false pretenses. McCreery was arrested under the name of "Sykes" for an alleged offense committed in Norfolk, and his identity as McCreery was discovered by means of the young woman who left Staunton with him and to whom she claims to have been married. Captain Waters has sent the warrant issued here for McCreery to Norfolk.

The Staunton public schools closed Saturday with public exercises in Columbia Hall, after a most prosperous session. A short but very appropriate address was made by Hon. H. St. George Tucker and one also by Colonel R. S. Turk, editor of the Spectator and Vicindicator. The exhibition of work in all the grades, especially in the woodworking, drawing, sewing, and cooking-school departments, was unusually good, being considered the best ever exhibited. The Staunton public schools are modeled on the best approved methods of modern education, and are of recognized efficiency and a matter of great pride to the Staunton public.

The official returns from Augusta County show the board of supervisors to be a tie between Democrats and Republicans. There is only a slight Republican gain in the other county offices. The vote on a constitutional convention was 1,291; against, 1,476.

The suit of Mrs Edna H. Hyer against the city of Staunton for damages for a two-story brick house built over a watercourse that went down in last September's flood, was given to the jury Saturday before noon, but they could not agree. They were adjourned over until Monday, but no agreement is looked for. The case has been watched with great interest, as many believe that should the decision go against the city it will open wide the doors for an almost unlimited amount of suits, with damages aggregating \$100,000. The amount sued for was \$2,500. Repairing the streets and bridges has already cost the city \$10,000. The commencement exercises of the Mary Baldwin Seminary began to-day with the baccalaureate sermon, which was preached in the First Presbyterian Church, this morning by Rev Thornton Whaling, D. D., of Lexington.—Baltimore Sun.

Weather Report.

Twenty two snows fell the past winter aggregating a depth of 40 1/2 inches. There was less snow last winter than any I have on record, except the winter of '89-'90, which had 34 snows 38 1/2 inches deep. The past February had 10 fogs and May had 11 frosts. From November 1 to April 1 a little over three-fourths of the weather was cloudy. The winter of '86-'90 there were forty snows, aggregating nine feet. The winter of '90-'91 there was 8 feet 9 inches of snow with 28 snow storms. This is what I gather from my snow-book,—kept by me from 1856 to 1897. A. W. MOORE.

Climbing Mount St. Elias.

As the average school boy knows, probably better than the average man, Mount St. Elias is the highest peak in North America. It has been chosen as a corner between Alaska and the British possessions. It is the starting point for the meridian boundary line and it has never been climbed. It is 1800 feet high and 4000 feet of this height remains untrdden. Two expeditions will make the attempt this summer. One starts from Philadelphia, under the leadership of M. H. G. Bryant. The other has made more stir, being larger and led by Prince Luigi, of Savoy, a nephew of King Humbert. He has employed four Alpine guides. The public is rejoicing greatly, too, that Sella, the most noted photographer of mountain scenery, is one of the party.

"The Foot of a Fly"

says an eminent English doctor, "will carry enough poison to infect a household." In summer-time, more especially, disease germs fill the air, multitudes are infected, fall ill, die; multitudes escape. These messengers of mischief do not exist for millions. Why not? Because they are healthy and strong—protected as a crocodile is against gunshot. It is the weak, the wasted, the thin-blooded who fall; those who have no resistive power so that a sudden cough or cold develops into graver disease. We hear of catching diphtheria. Why not catch health? We can do it by always maintaining our healthy weight.

Some of the boys are off to Edray attending the Association, and others will start for Webster county to work in the lumber camps.

Mrs Hodges has returned to Lewisburg.

J. O. Hill is off to Frankford. Jim Ray moved to Clover Creek some days ago.

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